

## **REMARKS**

Claims 2-9, 20, and 25-26 have been amended. Claims 1, 10-19, and 22-24 have been cancelled. New claims 28-29 have been added. Claims 2-9, 20, and 25-29 are pending and under consideration.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Applicants have timely filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with this Amendment, including the filing fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the finality of any Office action and enter this Amendment for consideration under 37 CFR 1.114.

### **I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-20, and 22-27 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Robinson" (U.S. Patent No. 6,219,413).

Claims 1, 10-19, and 22-24 have been cancelled.

Claims 2-5, 7-9, and 25-27 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 6. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 7-9, and 25-27 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 6.

### **II. Allowed Claim**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 6 is allowed. Claim 6 has been amended herein merely to improve the form.

### **III. New Claims**

New claims 28-29 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited prior art teaches each of the features of new claims 28-29, so that claims 28-29 are allowable.

## **CONCLUSION**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

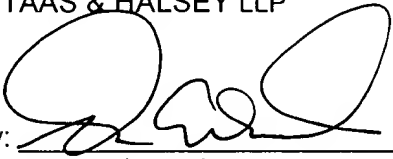
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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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